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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

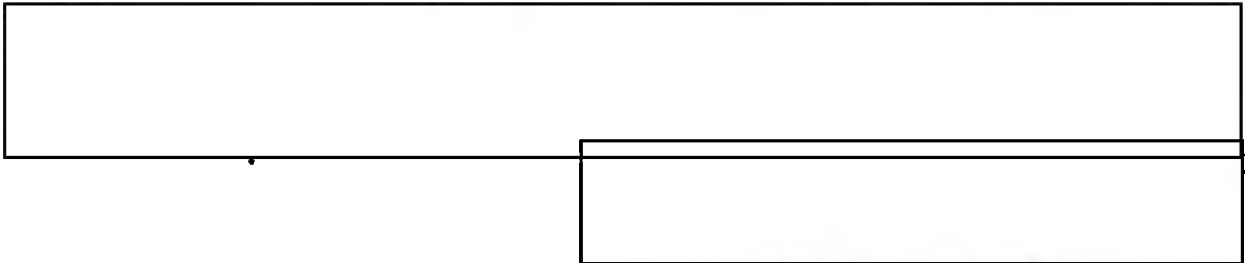
THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: First International Water Desalination
Symposium and Exposition, October 3-9, 1965,
Washington, D.C.

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The subject meeting was truly international in character, both from the standpoint of attendees and active participants. Sixty-five countries were listed as having official delegations. Six international groups including the United Nations and Euratom were represented by "Observers". Soviet Bloc countries which had delegations were Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland, and the USSR. Of these only the USSR was an active participant. The Exposition consisted of a display by industry, universities, and government laboratories of desalination units, and related instruments, equipment, and materials. This display of hardware served to supplement the technical sessions.
3. The Soviets presented some fairly interesting papers based on current and past efforts and future plans in the field of desalination. The most noticeable feature of their effort was the absence of a detailed breakdown of cost figures and lack of interest in optimizing their plants or pilot plants. From the standpoint of technical developments in the field of desalination, the U.S. is ahead of the USSR. However, the Soviets have been operating desalination or brackish water purification units longer than the U.S. These have been small solar plants, and freezing processes, and evaporation units using conventional sources of power.

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**First International
Water Desalination Exposition**

Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

October 3-7, 1965

In Conjunction with the
First International Symposium on Water Desalination

Sponsored by: U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of the Interior



EXPOSITION HOURS

Monday	October 4	10 am - 7 pm
Tuesday	October 5	10 am - 7 pm
Wednesday	October 6	12 noon - 9 pm*
Thursday	October 7	10 am - 7 pm*

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